



SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Register for the PSAT.- Continue refining your list of target schools.- Research schools on the internet or via books and visits. Use Career Cruising.- Update your resume with any new information.- Plan the next two years' extra-curricular and community service activities.- Think about when to take the SAT or ACT tests – develop your tentative “test plan.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Take PSAT to be eligible for National Merit Scholarship competition.- Study hard! Aim for A or B grade point average. Do extra credit whenever you can.- Start a personal file updating information for your resume.- Locate and organize all awards, articles, prizes etc. earned.- Acquaint yourself with resources at your school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Keep grades up. Improvement counts.- Get to know your junior year teachers, as these may be the best ones for letters of recommendation.- Take SAT Subject Tests, such as Language Tests With Listening, if appropriate.- Continue research on specific colleges.- Improve your vocabulary! Learn 20 new words a week.- Think about college majors.-READ!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Study Hard!- Take SAT Subject Tests if appropriate.- Register for SAT/ACT if you would like to take it in January/February.- Receive results of PSAT/NMSQT. Use results to develop a prepping strategy to improve your SAT scores as needed.- READ over break!- Fill up your spare time with as much community service, volunteer work, club or sport activity etc. as you can.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Continue college research.- Compare PSAT and projected SAT results to the averages at your target schools.- Consider SAT/ACT prepping for the May or June tests (SAT) / April or June tests (ACT).- Visit the Career Center and use all the resources available to help you research your career and college plans.
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Register for SAT/ACT if you would like to take it in May/April.- Begin to prepare for SAT or ACT.- Remember how important junior grades are for your class rank and college applications.- Plan a challenging Senior curriculum. <i>(An easy schedule can cost you an acceptance.)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Research interesting and challenging summer courses, jobs or volunteer activities.- Have your target list down to 10-12 schools.- Plan college visits to nearby colleges.- Register for SAT, ACT or SAT Subject Tests if you plan to take any in May or June.- Sign up for AP tests in your AP class subjects.- Plan a challenging Senior schedule – no Senioritis!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ACT testing- Plan an interesting and challenging summer.- Get into the databases (mailing lists) of your target schools (via internet).- Attend college fairs.- Write letters of intent to the service academies if applicable. (military)- Prep for AP exams if applicable.- College visits during Spring Break?- Think about financing college – will you need aid?- READ!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- SAT/ACT testing <i>(many counselors think it is best to reserve May and June for SAT Subject exams in the subjects you will be finishing this year)</i>- Students who will be applying Early Decision or Early Action should try to complete all testing during junior year.- Take your AP exams.- Don't forget to study for your high school finals!!- Use Scholarship Search programs to investigate scholarships that might be available to you. <i>(No need to pay for this!)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- SAT and ACT tests as desired.- Arrange college tours for summer. Call or go online to Admissions office of schools to set up tours and interviews.- Visit colleges. Take tours and do interviews if offered.- Do something extra with your resume in mind. Develop your “ACE”!- Prep for SAT/ACT and work on vocabulary – READ!- Keep extra-curricular activities and community service efforts going.- Refine your college list.- Athletes, register with NCAA Clearinghouse if applicable.